Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). Statements containing the information are placed on the Council Table.

Extraction of fuel from Nemmara Sub-division.

307. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state the terms of the contract on which fuel was allowed to be extracted from Nemmara Sub-division, during the past 3 years ;

2. whether there was not any unauthorised felling from the area granted for extraction of fuel or outside it ;

3. how was the unauthorised felling disposed of ;

4. what happened to the timber or fuel so felled or extracted without authority;

5. are felling charges allowed to the party cutting down timber without authority, and how was the amount sanctioned for making such payment;

6. what was the rate allowed as collection charges to the said contractors, and what were the charges for collection and delivery at Vandithavalam, when logs were collected there;

7. what is the procedure usually adopted by Government on detection of unauthorised felling of timber ;

8. who were the officers that detected the unauthorised felling, if any, in the above said Nemmara Sub-division ;

9. what action was taken by Government on the matter coming to their notice ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—1. 1101. There was no contract for removal of fuel this year from Nemmara Sub-division.

1102. *Pothundy coupe.*—2,000 cart loads of fuel to be removed for Rs. 900. The amount was to be paid in instalments. For excess removal over the contracted quantity a rate of 12 annas per cart load was to be charged.

Narangampara coupe.—1,500 cart loads of fuel to be removed for Rs. 650 on the same terms as those of Pothundi coupe.

1103. *Pothundy coupe.*—6 cart loads of fuel to be removed daily for 9 months from 1st Vrischigam 1103 at Re. 0-11-11 per cart load. For excess removal, if any, same rate to be charged. The value of permit books to be paid at the rate of Re. 0-11-11 per permit at the time of issue of such books or at the end of every month at the discretion of the Divisional Forest Officer.

Narangampara coupe.—3 cart loads of fuel to be removed daily at the same terms and conditions as those of Pothundi coupe.

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2. No.

3 to 6. These do not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (2) above.

7. The Member is referred to section 16 of the Cochin Forest Regulation and article 196 of *the Cochin Forest Code*.

8 and 9. No reply is called for in view of the answer to (2) above.

Forest Guard Achyutan Nayar.

308. Mr. A. S. Harihara Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table Memo R. O. C. No. 482/1100, dated 4th Medam 1100, and all papers that were considered in passing that Memo;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state whether it is not the practice to return the service books to the respective persons when they are relieved from the service;

(3) was the service book of A. Achyutan Nayar, Forest Guard, Vithanassery, Nemmara, given to him on dispensing with his services;

(4) if not, why not?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Government consider that no public purpose is served by placing the papers asked for on the Council Table.

(2) No.

(3) and (4). No answer is called for in view of the reply to (2) above.

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